

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2668

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3076

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3076 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EPIDEMIOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to create exempt positions for epidemiologists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Testimony in opposition to the measure was received from the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that due to the limited recruitment pool and an outmoded civil service classification series, the Department is presently unable to recruit qualified epidemiologists for high level public health surveillance and response, unless the Department is given authority to employ those epidemiologists without regard to the civil service system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3076 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



